(d) the reasons for not preparing them in Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) A total of 675 technical drawings have been prepared during the period 1.4.2000—31.3.2001 in the Head Quarters of Central Water Commission. The title blocks of all the technical drawings have been prepared in Hindi and English.

Utilization of Water for Irrigation in Mizoram

3039. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance by the World Bank and other foreign donors extended to flood control of Brahmaputra River in Assam; and

(b) whether these financier/donors can extend to the discussion of Barak River whose resources is from Manipur, one of main resources of water to Brahmaputra River to the Rivers of Manipur for utilization of waters in the irrigation and water supply of Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No financial assistance has been extended by the World Bank or other foreign donors for the flood control of Brahmaputra River in Assam.

(b) Does not arise.

Privatisation of Water Supply Management

3040. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be plesed to state:

(a) whether competent authority are examining a report prepared with consensus of World bank envisaging a role to private sector including multinational in the country's water wealth;

(b) if so, the details including areas to be privatised;

(c) whether more than 30 cities are bidding water supply to multinationals;

(d) if so, the number of bodies that privatised operation and management of water supply as on October, 2001; and

(e) whether free potable water will be continue to be provided to drought hit areas and also details of the funds allotted and spent for it during last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSITRY OF WATER RESOURCES (MS. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No specific report has been prepared in consultation with the world Bank envisaging a role to private sector including multinationals in the country's water wealth.

(c) and (d) Since urban water supply and sanitation are State subjects, the Central Government is not monitoring the involvement of multi-national companies by the State Governments to improve their existing water and sewerage networks. Though some State Governments are making efforts to involve the private sector, yet no successful privatisation has been reported so far.

(d) Potable water (Drinking water) is a State Subject and the scheme to provide the drinking water to rural habitations are planned, sanctioned and implented by State Governments. Government of India, however, supplements the efforts of State Governments by providing funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) & Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (Drinking Water Supply) PMGY (DWS). Further, the relief to drought hit areas is provided under Calamity Relief Fund and there is no specific provision made or funds allocated for potable water.

Enhancement of Budget for Irrigation

3041. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be plesed to state:

(a) the amount allocated for irrigation and the area of land under irrigation during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) which the area of irrigable land has increased marginally during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to enhance budget